REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of August 14, 2006

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

On August 17, 2006 Mekiel Bouquet was arrested in Chicago, IL by members of GLRFTF. Chicago PD (CPD) wanted Bouquet for Assault and Aggravated Battery for allegedly shooting a man in that city. Bouquet allegedly attempted to shoot the same man earlier the same day, but failed to hit him. CPD requested assistance from GLRFTF in locating and apprehending Bouquet. GLRFTF, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information on Bouquet's location and established surveillance at that site. Investigators later observed Bouquet and safely took him into custody. Incident to arrest, investigators seized a loaded .45 cal handgun and 41.8 grams of crack cocaine.



Mekiel Bouquet Wanted for: Assault & Agg. Battery

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On August 16, 2006 Josue Antonio Caceres, a documented member of the *MS 13* gang, and Rosa Argueta were arrested in Brentwood, MD by members of CARFTF. Authorities in Prince George's County (MD) and Montgomery County (MD) wanted Caceres for Burglary and Assault. CARFTF developed information indicating that Caceres fled to Argueta's home. CARFTF responded to the target location, and with assistance from a K9 unit, extricated Caceres from the home's attic. Incident to Caceres' arrest, investigators recovered a stolen 9mm handgun and placed Argueta into custody for Harboring a Fugitive.

MS 13 Gang Member



Jose Antonio Caceres Wanted for: Burglary, Assault & Harboring

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF)

On August 17, 2006 Herbert R. Lee was arrested in Upper Deerfield Township, NJ by members of NY/NJ RFTF. Authorities wanted Lee for Murder for allegedly shooting a man in the face with a shotgun twenty-six years ago. At the time of the incident, authorities considered Lee a primary suspect, but lacked sufficient evidence to definitively connect him to the shooting. As more time passed, the case remained unsolved and became a 'Cold Case Homicide'. In 2006 the New Jersey State Police - Major Crimes Unit (NJSP) reopened the investigation, learning that authorities in Cumberland County (NJ) also sought Lee on charges of Fraud and Tampering with Public Records. NJSP requested assistance from NY/NJ RFTF in locating and apprehending Lee. NY/NJ RFTF investigators developed information indicating Lee lived in Upper Deerfield, responded to that location, and safely took him into custody.



Herbert R. Lee Wanted for: Murder

Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)

On August 16, 2006 Charles Ray Bailey was arrested in Hoover, AL by members of GCRFTF. Authorities in Athens, TN wanted Bailey for the Rape and Robbery of a pregnant woman. Bailey allegedly posed as a homebuyer to gain entrance to the woman's residence. Once inside the home, Bailey allegedly stole a key, using it to return late one night to rape and rob the victim. Hoover PD (HPD) engaged Bailey in a vehicle pursuit on August 13, 2006 as he drove a stolen vehicle. Bailey ditched the vehicle and ran into a wooded area. Over the next two days, Bailey allegedly committed additional offenses in the immediate area surrounding the ditch site. GCRFTF investigators responded to the area and began to immediately pursue Bailey. Investigators developed information indicating that Bailey took refuge in the same wooded area where he abandoned the vehicle. Investigators established surveillance at local restaurants and businesses, and a short time later, observed Bailey attempting to use a stolen credit card to buy food. Bailey fled back into the wooded are after restaurant managers confronted him regarding the stolen card. GCRFTF investigators, along with multiple local agencies, established a perimeter and began to search with assistance from multiple K9 units. Investigators discovered Bailey after approximately two hours and safely took him into custody.



Charles Ray Bailey
Wanted for:
Rape & Robbery

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)

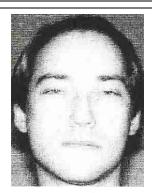
On August 15, 2006 Samantha Elizabeth Rothwell was arrested in Valencia, CA by members of PSWRFTF, detectives from the Orange County (CA) Sheriff's Department, Santa Ana, CA PD, and parole agents from the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation. Authorities in Huntington Beach, CA wanted Rothwell for Murder for allegedly stabbing a man in the neck with a pair of scissors after an argument at a motel in that city. Medical personnel transported the victim to a local hospital, but he later died in surgery. PSWRFTF investigators, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG) and Financial Surveillance Unit (FSU), developed information indicating that Rothwell fled to a residence in Valencia. PSWRFTF established a perimeter at that location, placed a call into the residence, and ordered Rothwell to exit and surrender. Investigators took Rothwell safely into custody when she complied.



Samantha Rothwell
Wanted for:
Murder

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On August 16, 2006 Pavlo Bilak was arrested in Atlanta, GA by members of SERFTF, the Technical Operations Group (TOG), and officers from the Atlanta PD (APD). APD wanted Bilak for Armed Robbery, Aggravated Assault, False Imprisonment, and Possession of a Firearm for, along with an associate, allegedly forcing his way into a home in that city. During this incident, Bilak allegedly burst into a home after a female occupant opened the door. Once inside, Bilak allegedly beat the victim about the face, produced a gun, and then bound the victim and placed her in a closet. When a male occupant of the home returned, Bilak allegedly beat and bound him as well. Bilak and his associate later fled the scene with \$1,800 in US currency. SERFTF investigators, with critical assistance from TOG, developed information on Bilak's location in Atlanta. SERFTF immediately responded to the target location, searched the home with permission from its owner, discovered Bilak inside, and safely took him into custody.



Pavlo Bilak
Wanted for:
Armed Robbery &
Aggravated Assault